

Senate Republican and Democratic Leaders 1968-Present

Year/ Majority Party	Republican Leader	Democratic Leader
1968-1970 Democratic	C.W. “Bill” Young, D 19	<i>None</i>
1970-1972 Democratic	Warren S. Henderson, D 32	<i>None</i>
1972-1974 Democratic	David C. Lane, D 31	<i>None</i>
1974-1976 Democratic	John T. Ware, D 18	<i>None</i>
1976-1978 Democratic	Kenneth A. Plante, D 14	<i>None</i>
1978-1980 Democratic	John T. Ware, D 18	<i>None</i>
1980-1982 Democratic	James A. Scott, D 31	Sherrill N. “Pete” Skinner, D 5
1982-1984 Democratic	Clark Maxwell, Jr., D 16 <i>Toni Jennings, D 15¹</i>	John A. Hill, D 33
1984-1986 Democratic	Richard H. Langley, D 11	Lawrence H. “Larry” Plummer, D 39
1986-1988 Democratic	Toni Jennings, D 15	<i>None</i>
1988-1990 Democratic	William G. “Doc” Myers, D 27	Jack D. Gordon, D 35 <i>Peter M. Weinstein, D 29²</i>
1990-1992 Democratic	Ander Crenshaw, D 8	Peter M. Weinstein, D 29
1992-1994 Democratic	William G. “Bill” Bankhead, D 8	Pat Thomas, D 3

¹ Clark Maxwell Jr. resigned and was elected Executive Director of the State Board of Community Colleges. Toni Jennings was designated in April 1984.

² Jack D. Gordon resigned and Peter M. Weinstein was designated Democratic Leader on May 9, 1990.

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1994-1996 Split Party	William G. “Doc” Myers, D 27	Kenneth C. Jenne II, D 29
1996-1998 Republican	Locke Burt, D 16	Kenneth C. Jenne II, D 29 <i>John H. “Buddy” Dyer, Jr., D 14³</i>
1998-2000 Republican	Jack Latvala, D 19	John H. “Buddy” Dyer, D 14
2000-2002 Republican	James E. “Jim” King, Jr., D 8	Tom Rossin, D 35
2002-2004 Republican	Dennis L. Jones, D.C., D 13	Ron Klein, D 30
2004-2006 Republican	J. Alex Villalobos, D 38 <i>Daniel Webster, D 9⁴</i>	Leslie “Les” Miller, Jr., D 18
2006-2008 Republican	Daniel Webster, D 9	Steven A. Geller, D 31
2008-2010 Republican	Alex Diaz de la Portilla, D 36	Alfred “Al” Lawson, Jr., D 6
2010-2012 Republican	Andy Gardiner, D 9	Nan H. Rich, D 34

³ Governor Lawton Chiles selected Kenneth Jenne to become Broward County Sheriff. Buddy Dyer was designated as Democratic Leader on January 21, 1998.

⁴ J. Alex Villalobos resigned on May 1, 2006, and Daniel Webster was designated as Republican Leader on May 2, 2006.